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# Internet Resources for Government, Politics & Law

For advice on how to evaluate and cite Internet sources click [here](#).

### NEW RESOURCES

- Politico.com** -- just what you think
- GovTrack.us:** track Congress at work
- OpenCongress** -- major new source on Congress
- David Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections**
- Statistical Resources on the Web** -- University of Michigan
- YouTube: You Choose '08** -- videos, of course

**Cornell's Cole Library**  
provides you with valuable, premium research services that are not freely available on the Internet.

**Services include:**

- ▶ **Books & Journals**
- ▶ **LEXIS-NEXIS:** news, laws, court cases, law reviews, Congressional documents, statistics
- ▶ **ICPSR:** huge collection of social science data sets
- ▶ **EBSCO Host**
- ▶ **GPO:** government documents
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- ▶ **Project Muse**
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- ▶ **On-Line Research Guides**
- ▶ **Mikki Smith**, Consulting Librarian for the Social Sciences

**Specialized Searches**

- ▶ Everything you could possibly want to know about Internet searching: **WebSearch**
- ▶ Search the **INVISIBLE WEB**-- links to data resources invisible to search engines: **invisible-web**
- ▶ Explore the Political Blogosphere: **Technorati-politics**
- ▶ Search U.S. GOVERNMENT web sites without searching the whole Net: **FirstGov**, **FedWorld**, **NorthernLight**
- ▶ Search LAW RELATED web sites without searching the whole Net: **FindLaw**
- ▶ Browse POLITICAL/POLICY web sites without searching the whole Net: **PoliticalInformation**

### Quick Links to United States Government Documents

Congress	President	Supreme Court	Administrative Agencies
Congressional Documents	White House	Constitution	Federal Register
Public Laws	Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents	Core Documents of US Democracy	Code of Federal Regulations Compilation of current federal administrative regulations.
U.S. Code Compilation of current federal statute law.	Executive Orders, Proclamations, etc.	Court Cases	U.S. Government Manual
Congressional Research Service Reports	Economic Statistics Social Statistics	Supreme Court Opinions	Federal Web Locator

University of Michigan Documents Center

### Quick Links to United States Government Agencies

Legislative	Executive	Judicial	Other
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Alphabetical List of Recommended Links  
Featured Sites are in Bold

**Warning:** The Internet is an equal opportunity provider of diamonds and excrement. The sources listed directly on this page have been screened. All are reputable, but some have a point of view. It is increasingly easy to find information. It is increasingly important that you evaluate the reliability of what you find before you use it. See the on-line research guide, **Locating & Evaluating Internet Resources**. Additional check lists for evaluating Internet sources are available on line at [Widener University Library](#). If in doubt, consult your instructor or **Mikki Smith**, Cole Library's Consulting Librarian for the Social Sciences.

**A**

**All Politics:** political news from CNN & Time  
**All the Web:** Top-rated general search  
**American Bar Association Network Home Page**  
**American Civil Liberties Union:** Issues Related to Constitutional Rights  
**American Government & Politics:** Super links page!  
**American Political Development:** historical roots of contemporary political developments  
**American Political Science Association**  
**America's Voice:** Conservative TV for your Web Browser  
**Assessing the New Federalism:** the Urban Institute  
**Avalon Project:** Yale Law School Collection of Historic Documents

**B**

**Biographical Directory of Congress**  
**Bureau of Labor Statistics:** economic data

**C**

**Campaigns & Elections Course Links**  
**Campaigns & Elections Magazine**  
**Campaign Finance Institute:** Disclosure Links  
**CapWeb:** Internet Guide to the U.S. Congress  
**Capitol Spotlight:** C-SPAN & CQ  
**Catalog of US Government Publications:** since 1994  
**Census Bureau**  
**Center for American Women and Politics**  
**Center for Responsive Politics:** nonpartisan information about money in politics  
**Census Bureau**  
**CNN**  
**Congress.org:** member power rankings  
**Congressional Directory**  
**Congressional Procedures**  
**Congressional Research Service -- Selected Reports**  
**Constitution of the United States**  
**Council on Foreign Relations**  
**County & City Data Book U.S. Census**  
**Country Studies Library of Congress**  
**Country Watch**  
**Criminal Justice Statistics:** US Bureau of Justice Statistics  
**C-SPAN:** public affairs & video archives  
**CyberCaucus:** Iowa Caucuses & Iowa Politics from Drake University (inactive)

**D**

**David Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections**  
**Democratic National Committee**  
**Democracy Network**  
**Diplomacy Monitor**  
**Direct Search Links to the "invisible web"**

**E**

**E-the-People:** nonpartisan site for political petitions and communications with public officials  
**Electoral-Vote.com**  
**Environmental Media Services**  
**Environmental News Network**  
**Environmental Politics Course Links**  
**Executive Branch Library of Congress**

**F**

**FactCheck:** truth behind political spots  
**Famous Trials**  
**Federal Election Commission**  
**FECInfo:** user friendly FEC data

**M**

**MoveOn.org:** liberal activist site  
**Moving Ideas Network:** American Prospect Magazine

**N**

**National Archives and Records Administration:** includes access to Federal Register, Public Laws, Code of Federal Regulations, and U.S. Government Manual.  
**NationalIssues.com**  
**National Atlas**  
**National Political Index:** comprehensive and user-friendly source for political links  
**National Priorities Project**  
**National Public Radio**  
**National Security Archive**  
**Natural Resources Defense Council:** environmental issues  
**News Batch** selected public policy links  
**Newspaperlinks.com:** Newspaper Association of America  
**Newspapers Online!**

**O**

**On the Issues:** how politicians vote  
**OpenCongress:** members & issues  
**Oyez Project:** Supreme Court multimedia

**P**

**Pew Research Center for People & the Press**  
**PolicyLibrary.com**  
**Policy Process U of Michigan**  
**Political Ads in Streaming Video AdCritic.com**  
**Political Reference Almanac** only partly free  
**Political Database of the Americas Georgetown U**  
**Political Graveyard** where dead politicians are buried  
**Political Information.com:** search >5,000 political and policy web sites  
**Political Points:** New York Times  
**Politico.com**  
**Politics 1:** all Presidential, Gubernatorial, US Senate & Congressional candidates and political parties, election results and news.  
**PollingReports.com:** Recent Polls from Reputable Pollsters. Not much interpretation.  
**Presidency Links:** huge collection  
**Presidential Campaign Commercials, 1952-2000**  
**American Museum of the Moving Image**  
**Presidential Debates**  
**Presidential Election Atlas:** David Leip  
**Presidents of the United States:** a part of the Internet Public Library  
**Pro/Con:** political issues forum  
**PubScience:** Department of Energy site searching full-text science journals

**R**

**Real Clear Politics:** news and opinion left & right  
**Research Guides:** Legal, Legislative, Internet, Scholarship  
**RightMarch:** conservative activist site

**S**

**Salon.com:** magazine of politics and culture  
**Senate, U.S.**  
**Slate.com:** magazine of politics and culture; best daily news summary on the web  
**Stateline.org** state news from Pew Center on the States  
**Statistical Abstract of U.S. U.S. Census**  
**Statistical Resources U. Michigan**  
**Statistics Every Writer Should Know**

**Federalist Papers**  
**FedStats:** finding aid to US government statistics  
**Federal Gateway** Small Business Contracts Council  
**Federal Web Locator** Center for Information, Law & Policy  
**Federation of American Scientists:** serious data on policy questions  
**FedLaw:** Government Services Administration  
**FedWorld** Government Printing Office  
**FirstGov** Best Government Search Engine  
**FindLaw:** Internet Legal Resources -- laws, cases, news, legal search  
Forum of Federations

## G

**Genocide Watch**  
**Global Warming Links:** Pace Law School  
**Google:** Top-rated general search  
**Google News:** excellent news search  
**GOP.com:** Republican National Committee  
**Government Documents in the News**  
**GoVote.com:** America's Political Portal  
**GovSpot:** government links  
**GovTrack.us:** track Congress at work  
**Grammar & Writing Guide**  
**Green Party USA**

## H

**House of Representatives**  
**Human Rights Watch**

## I

**Innocence Project**  
**Institute on Taxation & Economic Policy**  
**International Affairs Resources** WWW Virtual Library  
**International Agencies** University of Michigan  
**International Newspapers**  
**Internet Law Library**  
**Internet Legal Research Guide**  
**Internet Public Library**  
**Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research:** huge collection of social science data sets  
**Iowa**  
**Iowa Code**  
**Iowa Constitution**  
**Iowa Official Register:** "the Red Book"  
**Iowa Policy Project**  
**Iowa Supreme Court**  
**Iraq Tracker (CNN)**

## L

**Law.com**  
**LawCrawler**  
**League of Conservation Voters:** How members of Congress vote on the environment.  
**Legal Information Institute** Cornell U.  
**Legal Research Meta-Index** Georgia State U.  
**Legislative Branch** Library of Congress  
**Legislative Process** Library of Congress  
**Legislative Process** University of Michigan  
**LEXIS-NEXIS:** news, law, business, medicine, reference -- premium full-text site available through Cornell's Cole Library

**Supreme Court**  
**Supreme Court Decisions** from Cornell University's **Legal Information Institute**  
**Supreme Court Historical Society**

## T

**Technorati:** search the blogosphere  
**TerraServer:** USGS maps and photos  
**Thomas:** recent laws and current bills from the **Library of Congress**  
**Truth Out:** leading left-leaning political news and opinion site

## U

**United Nations**  
**United Nations Statistics**  
**United Nations System Locator**  
**University of Michigan Documents Center:** U.S. and world **Government Documents**  
**U.S. Census Bureau**  
**U.S. Code** in its most user friendly form. A compilation of all Acts of Congress of general applicability presently in force. Cornell U.  
**U.S. Code National Archives**  
**U.S. Code of Federal Regulations** in its most user friendly form. A compilation of federal administrative regulations of general applicability presently in force. Cornell U.  
**U.S. Code of Federal Regulations National Archives**  
**USGovSearch:** free version of pay site run by **Northern Light**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**U.S. Institute of Peace**  
**U.S. Senate**  
**U.S. State Department International Information Programs**  
**U.S. Supreme Court**

## V

**Vanishing Voter:** Harvard's Kennedy School **Voter Information Service**  
**Vote Smart:** facts about candidates

## W

**War Crimes and State Sovereignty:** A Research Site mounted by American Lawyer Media's Law News Network  
**Web White & Blue:** election information  
**WebSearch:** become an expert info tracker  
**White House:** includes links to other government information  
**World Constitutions** University of Michigan  
**World Governments** Northwestern University  
**World Governments** University of Michigan

## X-Y-Z

**Yahoo! Government, Law, & Politics,** both international & domestic  
**Yahoo! News: Political Headlines**  
**YouTube: You Choose '08**

### Best of the Net

The links arranged alphabetically above are especially valuable for students of politics.

This is our "Best of the Net."

If you find resources that you think we should list here, please [click here](#), and paste the URL into the e-mail window which will open.

If that fails, send e-mail to [callin@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:callin@cornellcollege.edu).

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